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SERMON FROM THE CAPITOL:

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shall not pass away."—Matt. xxiv. 35

We need elevation. As men, Americans persons and families. States and Churches, The wo of the world is the want of a true NOT PASS AWAY!

To prevent us from taking unjust advantage of this truth, it is enough to remember the gospel maxim: "For whosoever exalteth and changes of society there. I think of the himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth passing away of the whole circle of ancient himself shall be exalted." This maxim both commends the object and directs the pursuit. And now-see! One day, a young Galilean carpenter, followed by a few lake-shore fishermen, entered the Temple at Jerusalem, as a company of our countrymen, from any rural district, on any day, enters this Capitol. Soon after, as they left the Temple, attention to certain fine ornaments and massive stones, characteristic of the general and incomparable richness and strength of the buildings. But he replied to them: "See ye not all these things! Verily I say unto another, that shall not be thrown down."

should leave this Capitol, saying to his companions—and in a manner implying immi-

he did not hesitate to declare: "Heaven and all the defenses of art and nature; and glitmost impressively, the peerless magnificence of the venerated and impregnable Temple. hings, and then remember—that my words of his glory!" bre mightier and more enduring than all.

of law and religion, blushed and trembled, ned and commissioned to supersede "the the apostles of nations and instructors of mankind. At his word every scene of his presence tive record of them, what is the Bible? deaf men listened, and dumb men spoke, and blind men looked, and lame men leaped, ions, spoke; and blind nations, looked; and hear the word of the Lord!"

ords shall not pass away?

The Imperishable and Saving Words of and is, so it always shall be. With gratitude come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I King, and Knight; Moore and Porter; Southon this highest hight of the nation, as a away." representative, however humble, of our peo-

with lifted hand, repeat our solemn, national and Christians, we need elevation. In our affirmation—our official and perpetual pro Zion—Forever, O, Lord, thy word is settled cence of Webster? Where the affable digclamation to all mankind—that: Heaven on earth. No man or set of men; no king, nity, the intellectual and moral loftiness of we all need elevation. Properly speaking, AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY, BUT THE WORDS priest or scribe; no popular convention, ec. Calhoun? Passed away—all passed away—all passed away—all passed away. it is impossible to desire too great elevation. OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST SHALL clesiastical council, or national congress? that is to say, "his flesh;" who "were sanctical the heart, there is not so much room in the heart

dark ages of Europe I taink of the morning of the Reformation, and the fore-gleamings of the "the latter day glory." I think of Art, and her printing-press; of Commerce, and her compass; of Science, and her globe; of Religion, and her Bible. I contemplate the opening of the heaven and earth of the some of the young man's friends invited his new world: the overrulings of Providence and changes of society here. I think of the passing away of savage simplicities, and of the rude semblances of civilization in Mexico and Peru, and of earlier and later declensions. I think of the gracious reservation you, there shall not be left here one stone upon of our own inheritance for present and nobler occupancy. I think of our Revolution, and spiritual; searching the deep things of God, What did they think of that? What its result of Independence I think of our as contained in the Bible, and revealing and death, and triumph of the meek and would we think of a rustic visitor, who first Union, first Congress, first prayer in them unto us. And who is the higher Ad- lowly Nazarene? Congress, and first Congressional order for ministrator? Christ himself! into whose the Bible: and of our wonderful enlargenency of the event—not one stone of it ment, development and enrichment since. And, in view of all—of the whole heaven Strange as it may seem, that Galilean and whole earth of the whole world; and of group had no little confidence in their leader; and future; profoundly and unalterably as him, out from the city, down the hill, over sured, as I trust we all are, that the truth Law? They go together, are all divine, Kedron, and up Olivet, until they reached a as it is "in Jesus" is the only stability in and all supreme forever. So that we may suitable position for a wide resurvey of the the universe—I feel justified in invoking, this scene, no sconer was he seated than they day, your renewal of our common and constant their many stant confession—that: Heaven and earth shall these things be?" What then? Shall pass away, but the words of Christ shall never passaway. And, standing where light of it, or intimate any possibility of we do, on the central summit of this great mistake? Not at all. Rather, he gave Confederacy, unequaled in all history for all our judge, lawgiver and king only that he the course of which, ascending, with infinite ease, to an infinitely sublimer assumption, the coming of our Lord with hosannas: if earth shall pass away, but my words shall not we could ignobly hold our peace; the very pass away!" It is as though he had said: statues of the Capitol "would immediately There reposes the Holy City; girt about with | cry out": the marble lips of Columbus, Penn, and Washington; of War and Peace; of the

respond to their glad and grand acclaim. But we do confess Him! From Maine to To you, it seems marvelous that I should Florida, from Florida to Texas, from Texas predict the destruction of all. But, to me, to California, from California to Oregon, and that olden glory is only as the fading from Oregon back to Maine; our lake States, pageant of a summer sunset. Look away gulf States, and Ocean States, our river from the city, beyond and above it. Behold States, prairie States, and mountain States. the mountains round about it! Behold the all unite in confessing and blessing his name: Irmament bending over it! Nay, let your | beholding his glory, surrounding his throne, hought exceed your vision. Think of the high and litted up, and ever crying, like fullness of heaven and earth: of continents, the six-winged scraphim, one to another, slands and seas; of sun, moon and stars; of far and near, from the north and the south. he divine origin, grandeur, perpetuity, and from the east and the west: "Holy, holy

beaven and earth shall pass away; and, yet, merely spoke them, and that during a brief by those words, cities were emptied and des and, here they are—in the Bible! The Bible, last, and how soon they pass away! erts filled. At his word, the "common peo- from beginning to end, is the book of Christ. ple," who "heard him gladly," grew wi-er And, therefore, affirming of the whole what than the wisest of their teachers. At his is true of every part, I hold up the Bible, word, the hierarchs of genius and learning, and, in the name of Christ, proclaim to the country and the world: HEAVEN AND EARTH

the application of the phrase to civil affairs need true elevation. the withered restored, and the sick revived, stitution of the United States. Can there years ago, at the age of twenty five, I was That was a more important event to me hurried to the festival. Since then, the may not only is the Bible a higher law, but Ellsworth, Huntington, and Judson, of Conlaw of the world; and miracles, correspond- the Lord: "As the heavens are higher than Rhode Island? Where Allen, Everett, and him, may be truly and forever exalted." ing with those of his transient ministry, the earth, so are my ways higher than your Slade, of Vermont? Where Bokee, Childs, lave been multiplied on a larger scale and ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." and Cramer; Granger and Lansing; Lee, n more enduring relations. At his word, Therefore, also, the universal and perpetual Moore, and Wardwell, of New York? Where

Not in the slightest degree! His authority mony of all his witnesses, that Christ him Scarcely a relic is left! And so of the Sentent erring one may be encouraged. is still supreme, and every syllable of his self avers: "Think not that I am come to ate. Where are Cayton and Cuthbert; utterance as sure as ever. As it has been, destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not Goldsborough, Hill, and Hendricks; Kent, for our history, in vindication of our honor, say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, and Sprague; Tipton, Tomlinson, is no necessity for the sin of delinquency, the flesh, of Christ and the carnal mind, may and in acknowledgment of the true and only one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass and Wall? Where the venerable White, after the mind has seen the sun of truth, after both live in one heart at the same time—a source of our power; in due remembrance of from the law, till all be fulfilled." And so and the good-natured Grundy, and the sharp one has come to the light. That "all have doctrine which some will not believe until our fathers, with due respect for ourselves, again, in the text itself: "Heaven and earth | Poindexter, and the learned Robbins, and

ple at large, of every State in the Union, ment! "Forever, O, Lord, thy word is set- Leigh? Where is the easy, all elate, sono- are facts which demonstrate the truthfulness | This is as much a fact in morals as in matter. and of the United States in whole, and thus, tled in heaven." And here, in our place rous, and majestic eloquence of Clay? Where of this argument. There have been those And, no matter how some may regard this cord. Let our own countrymen, in particulare Macomb and Gaines, of the Navy I contemplate the heaven and earth of the old world: the overrulings of Providence make it their interest or pleasure to do; by Mediterranean civilization. I think of the amendment, abridgment, or enlargement is Wirt, Chief of the Attorneys? Or will God;" who were "crucified to the world, and subdues what of moral wrong there is in our

> But a higher Law implies a higher Judge, of which I speak, and yet-what a scene and a higher Administrator. And who is of honored dust, in sacred silence, alone therefore, I were to draw upon your elemency he prays for the Spirit; that is good, that is the higher Judge? The Holy Spirit! the remains! Spirit of truth, promised unto us to guide us nto all truth; making us spiritual and giving us spiritual apprehensions; aiding us in all, what is human need? Would they not the comparison of spiritual things with say, it is elevation, it is salvation—salvation Your friend has but a small share of patience hands the Father has committed all power "in heaven and in earth," to qualify him fully for the duties of this sovereign office. Does any one object to the higher Administrator? Does any one object to the higher Judge? Then why object to the higher judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

"He will save us!" Blessed conclusion: without which all else were in vain, and worse than in vain. He deigns to become

ages. There expands, pre-eminently and corridors, of the rotunda and halls, would department? a foreign minister? a cabinet presidents of the United States? Is such and his heir. our need? Ah, no! we need salvation.

> What did I say in the beginning? Did I not say? we need elevation: as men, Americans and Christians, we need elevation: in es. we need elevation. Certainly I did thus speak, and meant all I said.

O, my friends! All the distinctions althink, recall what life has taught you-But where are the words of Christ? and what observation and experience have com-Not only shall Jerusalem pass away, but what are they? Ho did not write them; but tried to impress most deenly much with merely spoke them, and that during a brief consciousness—and begin your review with peaven and earth shall pass away; and, yet, merely spoke them, and that during a brief consciousness—and begin your review with ling? Did the mountains around the cross, my feeblest word, the faintest sound of my ministry. Nevertheless, they were recorded: the sad words, after all! After all, health and the sky above it, startle at the sound? voice, the gentlest breath from my lips, shall and not only such as were uttered in the is a little thing, and genius is a little thing, Did heaven and earth, anywhere or in any flesh, but others with which the writers and learning, and eloquence, and pleasure, Did they believe him? Yes; and with were inspired by his Spirit, both before and and fame, and power, and wealth, and rank, good reason. They witnessed, to a great after his advent—the revelations of the and office, all earthly things are little things. senseless, these are the things that pass and uncomfortable theory. The heart longs extent, the power of his words. Attracted prophets and apostles. All alike are his words: How little satisfaction they yield while they away. But something was there, nobler than

darkening with rage or paling with affright.

SHALL PASS AWAY, BUT THE BIBLE, THE HOLY their coveted posts of honor by a single leap. world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of redeeming plain conditions of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his words of his gospel truths, to continue world, committed his world At his word, his humble disciples were quali- AND BLESSED BIBLE, SHALL NOT PASS AWAY! They have risen gradually, through years of and sanctifying truth to the immortal sout vey peace to the hearts of men while in a What, then, are the words of Christ? or, earnest toil. And the soberness of reflection of man, and, therefore, in form, as well as in state of unholiness, it was said, "If we con- should lay a strong foundation, and an im but the Bible, is the inspired and authorita- of a hastening end is with them. Ask them, ishable. and they will answer: After all, we have And so, my friends, in conclusion, I thi

leaf nations have listened; and dumb na- prophetic challenge: "O, earth, earth, earth, is Parker, of New Jersey? Where are Beaumont, Chambers, and Denny; Hurley, ions, spoke; and blind nations, looked; and | hear the word of the Lord!" Beaumont, Chambers, and Denny; Hurley, me nations, leaped; and paralytic nations | If this be not true, my mission, at least, is McKennan, and Mann; Miller, Muhlenberg, ave been strengthened; and leprousnations, an entire mistake, and my commission ends. and Watmough, of Pennsylvania? Where is Meansed; and maimed nations, made whole; But it is true: and, if there were no other Milligan, of Delaware? Where are Dennis, and withered nations, restored; and sick na- argument to prove it true, this one were all- Heath, and Jenifer; McKim and Steele;

Mons, revived; and lunatic nations, calmed; | sufficient. All human constitutions, social, | Stoddert and Washington, of Maryland? and demoniac nations, dispossessed; and dead ecclesiastical and civil, are changeable, and Where Bouldin, Coles, and Dromgoole; nations, brought forth, exultant, from their contain provisions for change: but the Jones, Mason, and Mercer; Patton, Steven graves. Even these miracles are "as nothing Bible is unchangeable. Instead of any pro- son, and Taliaferro, of Virginia? Where less than nothing, and vanity," in come vision for change, it is guarded, at all points, Conner, Deberry, and McKay; Sheppard, arison with others which are yet to come: against change. The writer of its first five Speight, and Williams, of North Carolina? miracles in behalf of all nations, and of our books declares in the last of the five: "Ye Where are Blair, Campbell, and Davis; whole race, and of the world itself. And shall not add unto the word which I com- Griffin, McDuffie, and Pinckney, of South till, with the same easy, natural, infinite mand you, neither shall ye diminish from it, Carolina? Where Glasscock, Grantland and ablimity as at first, he assures us all: that ye may keep the commandments of the Haynes; Holsey and Wilde, of Georgia? Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Lord your God, which I command you." Where are White, of Florida, and Lewis And, in like manner, the author of its last and Murphy, of Alabama? Where are Bul-Now, therefore, rises the all-important five books, declares in the last of the five: lard, Garland, and Ripley, of Louisians? mestion: Do we believe him? We live "If any man shall add unto these things, God Where is Sevier, of Arkansas? Where are ore than eighteen hundred years after his shall add unto him the plagues that are Carter, Crockett, and Dunlap; Forrester and vent. We live in a new world; unknown written in this book: and if any man shall Huntsman; Polk, Pope, and Standefer, of the old, in which he lived, until within take away from the words of the book of this Tennessee? Where Allen, Boyd, and ss than four hundred years ago. A new prophecy, God shall take away his part out French; Graves, Hardin, and Hawes; Johnil is under our feet, and a new sky over of the book of life, and out of the holy city, son, Lyon, and Williams, of Kentucky? r heads. We show on a vast area, free and from the things which are written in Where is Ashley, of Missouri? Where are d unembarrassed, the best results of a this book." And so Isaiah, standing mid- Duncan and May, of Illinois? Where Boon, o, old philosophies, old sciences, old arts, shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth son, and Vance, of Ohio? All these, if my old manners, customs and usages. To shall wax old like a garment, and they that quest has been rightly answered, have passed

master superseded his authority over us? fore, it is only in accordance with the testi- to follow. At least, they are not here and also that by which charity to the peni- I think not. Does it not rather appear that and due regard for our children, I here arise, shall pass away, but my words shall not pass the handsome Linn, and the graceful Forsyth, and the sagacious Wright, and the Thank God, for one book above amend- indomitable Benton, and the gentle-tongued and come short of the glory of God. There not occupy the same space at the same time. and day, we respond to the psalmist on the calm, cool, clear, and massive magnifiwould dare to erase one letter from the re- Do you think of the Army? Where, then, fied wholly, and preserved blameless through for Christ. For Christ to fill the heart with lar, treat other books as they think they Where, then, are Rodgers and Barron? Will out their whole spirit, soul and body unto himself alone, he must possess the heart unhave a right to do, or feel it their duty, or | you enter the Supreme Court? Where is | the coming of their Lord and Savior Jesus | dividedly, completely. He sends the Holy Marshall-Chief of the Judges? and where | Christ, until death;" those who "walked with | Spirit into the heart, in answer to prayer, by interpolation or expurgation; not one you, at last, repair to the Presidential manwould presume to touch, with any such pur. Heroes? Passed away—all passed away! condemnation," but "walked in the light," until we are crucified with him to the world, among them, north, south, east or west, sion? Where, then, is Jackson-Chief of the pose, the sacred ark containing the higher | How many of their companions, how many | even as "God is in the light," realizing in | and thus the old man, "the seeds of the de-Law of God. Here is our shrine of worship, of their successors, have also passed away, I their own hearts the great truth that "the mon," may be a "chained rebel," though he the oracle of our wisdom, and the glory of have neither time nor knowledge to declare. blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin." These be not "a ruling prince." Now, what is to It is but a little while, and a limited area,

> O. if I could direct you to them, and you | upon a past experience, I trust. could find them, and should ask them-after by humiliation, in accordance with the life, for that class of men, sometimes preachers,

Hearken to me, this day, men, brethren, cupation of dreamers, enthusiasts and fanatics! Aha! Did I not tell you that we need elevation? How can any, how dare any prate | examples. thus of our faith?

forever! If we need learning, it is perfect fection, and that forever!

Do we need health, or genius, or learning, manity. I need a perfect soul. I need a or eloquence, or pleasure, or fame, or power? perfect body, to contain, identify and obey pagan Babylon, why may not my friend and power and pride of a great nation, durfoundation and walls, of the arcades and army or navy? a member or head of any need the attainment of my true destiny, to stand, as a perfect man, before the perfect him from "without," and all the "fears from

The Son of God knew this need, and, therecross Therefore, already overlooking the place of his crucifixion, he uttered the memorable prediction: "Heaven and earth shall friend tell me? Inded to such as we know them here, are pass away, but my words shall not pass away." comparatively li tle things. Greater things His words are words of pardon, words of are in prospect; but these things, though purity, words of triumph over death, words rovernment of all. Think well of these holy is the Lord of hosts the whole earth is full they seem great, are really little. Pause, pertaining to the resurrection of the dead and the inheritance of life everlasting. D.d 22, 32, and examine the original of the term the stones of the Temple understand him? "converted"), and the joys of the Lord's sal-Die the paraces of Jerusalem catch his mean-

> way, show the slightest consciousness of his livered from the power and pollution of sin utterance? Senseless, all senseless, utterly until death, is, to my mind, an unwholesome all theme-something destined to outlast all Ask the most successful around you, in these, to flourish only the more, and still only in a state of purity. "Blessed are the these relations, if they have yet supplied more forever, when heaven and earth shall pure in heart, for they shall see God." Jesus their highest need. As the general rule, the vanish like the dream of a night. I mean promised us peace; "My peace I give unto more successful they have been, the older the immortal soul! Jesus of Nazereth, the you." As it would be impossible, on the you will find them. They have not attained | Son of God, the Savior and sovereign of the

as the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing is now about them. And the anticipation essence and authority, they remain imper- fess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive We hear much of the higher Law; and spent our lives in little things. We yet day commit these words to your immortal souls, that, by God's blessing, they may abide peace as accompanying the great work of has excited great prejudice and given great I would tell you more particularly of with you in saving virtue forever. Only four our justification, but 'tis not perfect peace. and the paralytic stood still, and the leper offense. But what is the higher Law? It whom to inquire, were it not that you would months age, by these same fingers, the eyes "Perfect love casts out fear"—all unholy fear. was clean, and the maimed made whole, and is said to be something higher than the Con- prove it in vain to seek them. Twenty-six of my dear little Jessie were closed in death. and the lunatic calmed, and the demoniac be a law, within these United States, higher first called to this office. Two years after than the rise, progress and fall of a thousand dispossessed, and the dead, just risen from than the Constitution of the United States? ward, I served again. I now compare, empires. Pity me, Oh pity me; I speak not "I can not say, though, that the work I aim at their tombs, exchanged new greetings with If there can be and is such a law—what is it! though briefly and imperfectly, the present for myself alone, but for all humanity, one is any more definite than to be filled with when he says, 'Him that cometh unto me I the pressing multitudes of the living. True, I need not, and will not, recite inferior, ques- with the past. I find a new Hall and a new voice for humanity. Think of your own love. I am not entirely clear and settled in their youthful leader expired on the cross. But is there not one unquestionable answer? Senate-Chamber are still here. I find, also, loved only the more in death. We are all and old homes, of those you love, and have loved, and my mind in reference to the doctrine of lit must be in some wise, but Christ says, 'in Senate-Chamber are still here. I find, also, loved only the more in death. We are all an and old homes, of those you love, and have loved, and my mind in reference to the doctrine of lit must be in some wise, but Christ says, 'in some wise,' If he had said I will receive all an and old homes, of those you love, and have loved, and my mind in reference to the doctrine of lit must be in some wise, but Christ says, 'in some wise,' If he had said I will receive all an and old homes, of those you love, and have loved, and my mind in reference to the doctrine of lit must be in some wise, but Christ says, 'in some wise,' If he had said I will receive all an and old homes, of those you love, and have loved, and my mind in reference to the doctrine of lit must be in some wise, but Christ says, 'in some wise,' If he had said I will receive all an analysis and the said is the said that in relation to all an analysis and the said that in relation to all an analysis and an anal But he soon rose from the dead, ascended Suppose it be said, that, in relation to all a new House and a new Senate: but where alike in these relations. And where is our Christian perfection—whether, or not, we into heaven, and thence "gave gifts unto subjects to which it was designed to apply, are the cld House and old Senate? How hope of reunion with the lost? Ah, never can attain to such a healthful and fullness of might certainly think that you were of that Into heaven, and thence "gave gits unto subjects to which it was designed to apply, are the cid House and old Senater. How nope of reunion with the fost. And nope of reunion with the fost. An secorded his words; committing them, in United States? Will any man, unless an elaborate speeches, and casual debates, and series of social changes. But he knew and trust, to all nations and ages. In fulfillment utter infidel, deny this? Surely not social remarks, and current incidents: all sought our true interest. He fulfilled his more self-knowledge may bring to light, is still of the prediction specially referred to, before Waiving its practical operations, certainly as impressed on youthful sensibilities, and not humble ministry, and suffered and died that an open question with me." To this I reply: that generation passed away the Temple an abstract proposition, this must be ad yet effaced. But I can not describe them. he might secure for us entire and eternal It is not, I apprehend, so much a knowledge was destroyed, and Jerusalem with it; and mitted as true. It may be extended, so as Where are Jarvis, of Maine; and Cushman personal redemption—an elevation above all of self as a knowledge of Christ which is my meaning: Suppose you had promised to The people were scattered and their institu- to include all our State constitutions, and and Hubbard, of New Hampshire? Where earthly things, and the enjoyment of the fullsions overthrown. The carcass of Judaism all our Church constitutions, and all our are Adams, Calhoun, and Choate; Davis, ness of his grace and glory in heaven. Let ay stretched along the hill-side, and from more social constitutions. Put them all to- Jackson, and Lawrence; Lincoln, Phillips, us cherish his spirit and imitate his example. fers to: "grow in grace and in the knowledge the whole cope of heaven the eagles of Rome gether, magnify and boast of them as we and Reed, of Massachusetts? Where are Let us take due advantage of his mediation, of our Lord Jesus Christ." We can soon learn and humble ourselves before God in all peni- enough about ourselves to know that we are the greatest impeachment to your character, words of that young man have become the it is an infinitely higher law. For thus saith necticut? Where Burgess and Pearce, of tonce and faith, that, in due time, we, with desperately sinful by nature, but to know all to say that you were perfectly willing to

> stance, at least, of a purely extempore close, a halfrestrained yielding to natural impulses in hope of

## Communications.

For the St. Loais Christian Advocate. Letters to a Friend—No. I. reason that when a man enters into a con- holy spirit, in order to peace. "Great peace fact of the contract being on his own part law, which enjoins holiness of heart, preceded him to the wicket gate. But when he had you have left behind. free-will and good pleasure are absolutely en- apostle prayed for the sanctification of the gaged and committed—ought to bring him | Thessalonian Church, it was that "the very up to a full performance of the stipulated God of peace might sanctify them wholly, articles. But how often have we broken our still coupling together in his prayers what gate; you can but just squeeze in yourself. engagements, not only with our fellow-men. God had joined together in the order of the but with Heaven itself! And who can plead economy of grace—purity of heart in order 'not guilty" here? who can say "I have not to perfect peace of mind. This is God's orbeen untrue?" without becoming guilty of those | der. We may not reverse it. True, the soul, hateful sins (all sins are hateful) of hypocrisy while in a partial state of sanctification, or, and self deception. Without professing to see | to use the very language of my friend, while consand social revolutions. To us, the way between Moses and John, exclaims: Davis, and Hannegan; Kinnard, Lane, and the mote which is in our brother's eye while the seeds of the old demon remain in it, may the Pacific to Rosario, via Cordova, a disbut of the old things of the old world have "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look McCarthy, of Indiana? And where are a beam is in our own eye, may we not claim be, and often is, "filled with love;" but does tance of eleven hundred miles. It appears Bred away: old governments, old mytholo upon the earth beneath; for the heavens Hamer, Lytle, and Sloane; Spangler, Thomp- the sympathy and forbearance of our friends the idea of being filled with love necessarily that the South American States are so fully on the grounds of universal experience on include the idea of complete renovation? 1 m old manners, customs and usages. To shall wax old like a garment, and they that quest has been rightly answered, have passed think not. The young convert is, in many the Argentine Republic has offered a free this subject? Perhaps, then, from the leaves think not. The young convert is, in many the Argentine Republic has offered a free passed away from us? Or has any new equaness shall not be abolished." There- leagues, if not already gone, are just about of this delay in fulfilling a promise to write, convert, in hardly any case, sanctified wholly? side of the railway.

Let me not express myself wrong; let me | which sin, as a chained lion, may exist? The

not be misunderstood on this point. There two bodies of Christ and sin, of Christ and sinned and come short of the glory of God," | convinced by their own experience. It is a is no reason that "all" should continue to sin | maxim in philosophy, that two bodies can who "ceased from sin;" whose "lives were hid | fact, nevertheless all feel the force of the truth were arrayed "in linen white and clean." If, and forbearance, my friend, I should draw

who go back to the "dead past" and dig up

"Let the dead past bury their dead."

the old, decayed and rotten sins of the patriand fathers! Christianity is the most prac- archs, kings and prophets, and hold them tical thing, the most immediately and sub- | before the living present as so many reasons stantially important thing in the universe. | for men indulging in wickedness now-a-days Visionary! Fanciful! Impractical! The oc- The best we can make out of these cases is to learn a lesson of warning from their sad

But there is a living past, too. If Enoch Hearken to the truth! If we need health, walked with God, why may not my friend it is perfect health, and that forever! If we walk with God? If Abraham had faith, why need genius, it is perfect genius, and that may not my friend have faith? If Joseph learning, and that forever! It we need elo. was "chaste and prudent," why may not my quence, or pleasure, or fame, or power, or friend be "chaste and prudent?" If Joshua wealth, or rank, or office-whatever we need, and Caleb "wholly followed the Lord," why it implies constitutional and conditional per- may not my friend wholly follow the Lord? If Daniel honored Jehovah, and was honored Do we need wealth, or rank, or office? my soul. I need a perfect home. I need a honor Jehovah, and be honored by him, amid Cecil, Rowland Hill, and many other emi-Does any one of us need to be chaplain, or perfect society. I need perfect employments the snares and vices of modern spiritually idol- nent servants of God in the last and present it seized its spiritual arms, and the objects Pioneer and of Freedom, would part to clerk, or representative, or senator, or I need a perfect government. I need the full arrows Christendom? If St. Paul could stand centuries. It is pleasant and instructive to firm amid all the "perils" which threatened follow them from the pulpit into the retireofficer? or even a successor in the line of God, acknowledged as his child, his image, within," if none of these things could move him, stanling, as he was, endued with the terrupted by calls that he found it expedient wisdom and power of Christ, "armed with to invite friends and religious inquirers to supply it. Therefore, he appeared as the the panoply of God," if St. Paul could do all breakfast with him, and the morning meal young Galilean carpenter, despised and re- all things required of him, through Christ jected of men, but loved and accepted of the strengthening him, why may not my friend an account of several of these interviews en our persons and families, States and church- Father, making peace by the blood of the do all things required of him, through the joyed with the old patriarch, when he was same mighty agency? Why not? Can my first inquiring the way of salvation. Our

And, although he were to fall, as others

have done, still might he not be "converted

again" (please turn to the Greek in Luke death? The theory that we can not be deus our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I know the Bible speaks of There is a question springing at this point in connection with my friend's experience. \*This last paragraph is an effort to recover the sub- thyself with God." It is possible for us to reverse, in our minds, the order of grace. ist's religious experience—the removal of an against it. My DEAR FRIEND: It seems to stand to unholy heart and the sanctification of an un-

the world crucified to them;" who had "no | souls, and binds our poor hearts with Christ be done in such a case? My friend says that right. But would it not be after the mind of the Spirit to discern the divine order, and to him. No Christian can speak to him; recognize God's will? Would it not be doing | nor the meanest Christian serve him, even God's will, if, when we pray for his Spirit to Illuminate us, we pay some attention to his Word, in which we learn that it is the will of the Holy Spirit, even our sanctification? We desire to eat the fruit of the Tree of Life. Let us see that it is first planted in the soil of our hearts. "Perfect love" is one of the results of perfect purity; it is the full fruit age of a heart perfectly sanctified, of a soul completely cleansed—we might as well say. of a heart completely emptied of sin. If, then, we want nothing but love, we must possess in our hearts nothing of sin. "Let everything be done decently and in order." This is God's law. Discard it who may, we can In the love of the truth, &c. JOHN NEWTON AND DANIEL WILSON.—The excellent memoir of Daniel Wilson, late and Lincoln, introduces one to intimate

companionship with John Newton, Richard ment of the fireside, and mark how their public labors were enforced by consistent and godly lives! Mr. Newton was so much instructive spiritual council. Mr. Wilson gives Greign power derogatory of the King's right, readers may be interested in one of these narratives, as a specimen of Newton's familiar and impressive manner:

"I this morning breakfasted with Mr. Newton. I hope the conversation I had with him will not soon be effaced from my mind. He inculcated that salutary lesson vou mentioned in your letter, of 'waiting pavation be restored unto his soul, and might tiently upon the Lord.' He told me God he not the first that we can not be de grown oak in an instant, on the most parter will be graged in black, the crucing could be draped in black. spot: but that such was not the ordinary veiled, and torches lighted and extinguished working of his providence. The acorn was first sown in the ground, and there was a secret operation going on for some time; and for peace, perfect peace. This can be realized even when the sprout appeared above ground, if you were continually to be watch ng it, you would not perceive its growth And so, he said, it was in spiritual things.

"When a building is to be erected for eternity, the foundation must be laid deep. If I were going to build a horse-shed, I could put together a few poles, and finish it presently. The published ritual of the Church omits But if I were to raise a pile like St. Paul's, I mense deal of lator must be spent underground, before the walls would begin to peen

the seed. You want to experience the effects | multitude, and to all but those to whom the of belief before you do believe. "'You can believe a man, if he promises you anything, but you can not believe Christ will in no wise cast out.' If you are cast out. ners who doubt Christ's ability to save, but which, of the two, is certainly the most dis honoring to our blessed Savior. To illustrate contemplated in the Scripture my friend re- pay one hundred pounds for me, and had of which 272 are not operated; of forges, 488, given me the promise in writing. Now, it of them, 99 being closed; of rolling-mills, 225, you should refuse to pay the money when 1 lifteen of which are not in operation. They sent for it, which do you think would involve | produce about 850,000 tons of iron annually, about Christ is an infinite work. "Acquaint fulfill your engagement, but really had not ducing it. the power: or to say that no doubt could be

God's mode of saving us from sin is a natural | "Unbelief is a great sin. If the devil were one; it is going from cause to effect. Purity to tempt you to open, notorious crime, you leads or results in peace. "Create within me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit hug it as your infirmity, whereas you should hug it as your infirmity, whereas you should hug it as your infirmity. Whereas you should hug it as your infirmity whereas you should hug it as your infirmity. Whereas you should have been introduced in the within me." This was the order of the Psalm- consider it as a great sin, and must pray estimate. Bills have been introduced in the

building Railroads in South America, expresses the opinion that the Andes may be cross-

Christ may dwell and reign in a heart in

"'Now,' he continued, 'you want to know whether you are in the right road; that is putting the cart before the horse; that is wanting to gather the fruit before you sow

entertained of your ability, but you were unwilling to be bound by your promise?

gress, asked Christian if he saw a wicketgate at the end of the path, he said no. Could tract proposed by himself, he ought to stick have they that love thy law," was his teach- he then see a shining light? He thought he wards in human life. Though many have to it, if the contract be a good one. The ing on this point. Here the loving of God's could. The light was the Bible, and it led passed you in the race, there are many whom wholly voluntary—a contract in which his or accompanied peace of mind. When the passed that gate, he still retained the burden It was not till he looked to the Cross that he burden fell from his back and was felt no more. Now,' said Mr. Newton, 'the gate through which you have to pass is a straight There is no room for self-righteousness; that must be left behind."

> MR. WILLAIM WHEELRIGHT, an American, who has been for a long time engaged in ed by a railroad; thus making a line from alive to the advantages that they will derive from the execution of this project, that

Terrors of the Papal Armory. Our European advices make frequent

eference to the threat of excommunication denounced against Victor Emanuel. It has been stated that the sentence would be executed as soon as the King should announce his acceptance of the Æmilian provinces. That acceptance has been signified, but it does not appear that the sentence has yet been formally pronounced, although mention s made of a "monitory," in which the King siffformed that he is in fact excommunicated. In the minds of most persons in our day, the idea of excommunication excites but little of the emotion with which it used once to be

The excommunication and interdict, we need not say to many of our readers, are different modes of punishment by which the Head of the Church visits its displeasure, and, according to the Catholic creed, the displeasure of Heaven, on such as it adjudges to be sinners deserving of these penalties. The minor excommunication debars the offender from participation in the Lord's Supper. The major excommunication denies him a union in any Christian rite and all Christian solace. It is not only to be debarred from the Sacraments, but refused admission to the house of God. No priest can celebrate his marriage. His bones, if he dies, can not repose in consecrated earth, nor can the Christian burial service be read over them. If he is a monarch, who is thus doomed, his subjects are absolved from their allegiance in extremity, though he were perishing from cold or hunger. He is a legal and social outlaw and accurst; he is anathema maranatha. The Interdict is a form of excommunication applied to a whole kingdom. In a kingdom lying under an Interdict, the whole religious action of society is brought to a dead stand. The churches are closed: the bells are silenced in their towers, and the priest's voice at the altar. With the cessation of religious worship there is a cessation in all the other offices of the Church. There is no longer marriage, burial or baptism. The dead are carried without ceremony by night to ground not blessed of priest. The faithful put on the emblems of mourning at the death of their friends; "the mourners go about the streets." The effect of an Interdict was in some instances terrible. King John of England withered before it. The execution of the severer of the papal sentences has perfectly prostrated mighty sovereigns. Emperors have gone to Rome as suppliants to propitiate the anger of the dition of the most abject humiliation.

Undoubtedly, even when the Church was at the hight of its power, the cause in which against which it leveled them, had much to do with the effect they produced. The Pope could prostrate King John of England, when he dared not attempt the same denunciation against other princes on the English throne. Thus Edward III., being threatened with excommunication, called on Parliament, and that body passed the famous Praemunire act, which punished any attempt to introduce a and was aimed at the assumption of setting the Pope's mandate over an act of Parliament or the King's proclamation. A person guilty of a praemunire was punished by imprisonment and confiscation. The Bishops throughout England were forewarned that the King would outlaw them if they broke

If Victor Emanuel is to be excommunicated, we are told the sentence will be pronounced at St. Peter's either by the Pope or a Cardinal. The whole body of Cardinals one after another. Other solemn ceremonies of a funeral cast will figure in this great act of denunciation. The Philadelphia Gazette, referring to the decree, says that the form of excommunication is one of the arcana, secrets known only to the highest authorities in the Church. These denunciations are sometimes framed pro hac vice, though in accordance with the decrees of the Councils and with the practice of the Colleges. many forms besides that of excommunication, such, for instance, as that used on the coronation, and on the deposition of a King; on the reception of penitent women in the bosom of the Church, and the like. These may be found in the Jesuits' College, at Verona, which is, we believe, the depository of these arcana; also in the library of the Vatican; but they are sealed books to the rulers of the Church open the seal.

Whether or not there will be a formal excommunication, can not be determined by the accounts we have. The probability is that, if ventured on, it will not seriously damage the King of Sardinia, or the cause of Italian unity.—Mo. Republican, April 12.

Twenty-five of the thirty-three States of the Union have furnaces for smelting iron, rolling mills or forges. Those that have none are Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, Iowa, Minnesota, California, and Oregon. There are of works, 1545, of which 386 have been abandoned; of furnaces, 832, worth about \$50,000,000, of which, say \$35.-000,000 is paid for the labor required in pro-

California is said to be rich in silver, as well as gold. The Washoe Silver Mines, in Carson Valley, are now the objects of excitement. Hundreds are rushing there from all quarters. It is calculated that 25,000 Legislature to provide for the organization of

We must look downwards as well as up-

Harmless mirth is the best cordial against the consumption of the spirits; wherefore jesting is not unlawful if it trespasseth not quantity, quality or season.

Life is not all smiles and roses; and without deeply rooted convictions of faith and hope, it is impossible for any human being to live a truly happy life.

If a genuine Yankee were to meet Death on a pale horse, he would banter him for a

We never respect persons who aim simply to amuse us. There is a vast difference between those men we call amusing and those we denominate entertaining; we laugh with the former, and reflect with the latter.

Every sensual pleasure, and every day of the old words of that young Naza- my salvation shall be forever, and my right- the world, and, doubtless, many of their col- of your own history, you may read the cause cases, "filled with love," but is the young grant of land, five miles in breadth, on either idleness and useless living, lops off a branch from our short life.